

A CALL TO REPENTANCE

(Luke 13:1-17)

A. JESUS TEACHES ON THE NEED FOR REPENTANCE (Luke 13:1-5)

1. With the very recent atrocity involving Pontius Pilate and some Galileans fresh in the public's mind, Jesus used it as a teachable moment regarding the people's _____.
(vv. 1-2)

2. Jewish theology taught that individual _____ was directly related to individual _____; Jesus stressed the error of their thinking by placing the word "_____" first in the sentence for emphasis. (vv. 3-5)

* How should we define this word "*repent*"? (vv. 3 & 5)

B. THE PARABLE OF THE FRUITLESS FIG TREE (Luke 13:6-9)

1. Jesus used a parable to demonstrate to the people that while God was _____ in giving individuals and the nation time to repent (2 Pet. 3:9), eventually _____ was coming. (vv. 6-9)

2. By Christ referring to a "_____" and a "_____" together, He left no doubt that He was speaking of Israel. (vv. 6-7a, cf. Hos. 9:10; Isa. 5:1-7; Jer. 8:13; 24:1-8)

3. The Messiah's three-year ministry was more than enough "_____" (i.e., miracles and teaching) to stimulate thinking with the nation of Israel, and cause _____.
(v. 7b-8)

4. Jesus intentionally left the parable “open-ended,” so that the listeners had to supply their _____ conclusion; historically Israel was given another _____ years before judgment came in A.D. 70. (vv. 8-9)

C. JESUS HEALS A WOMAN ON THE SABBATH (Luke 13:10-17)

1. Jesus had just called the nation to repentance (vv. 3, 5); now He graciously gave them a _____ that He was the _____ by demonstrating His divine power over the physical and the metaphysical. (vv. 10-17)

2. Dr. Luke noted the extent and duration of the woman’s affliction in order to spotlight the _____ of Jesus’ cure, and it seems a _____ played some part in her prolonged suffering. (vv. 10-11)

3. Christ did not call her to Himself to publicly embarrass her, but in order that everyone present would _____ this healing and His _____ touch. (vv. 12-13)

4. With cold, calculated religion, the synagogue official showed more concern for Sabbath _____ than for human _____. (v. 14)

5. Jesus shamed this synagogue ruler and the other leaders by pointing out their hypocrisy; they would be quick to give their _____ water on the Sabbath, but would refuse help to a fellow _____. (vv. 15-17)

* How can you personally apply this passage today?